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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1912.

MASS. WRITING FELLOWS of Leaside, Iowa, has been bound over to the federal grand jury at Keokuk for using canceled postage stamps on letters.

BUFFALO, New York, imports natural gas from Canada, and a legal point has been raised, whether the gas is a raw (manufactured) article, and, therefore, subject to a duty of 10 per cent, or a mineral entitled to come into the country free.

It now turns out that the interview with Lyman J. Gage as published by the New York World was a fake. After the newspapers got through, Wm. McKinley will outline the policy of the new administration in his inaugural address.—[Norfolk Journal.]

One of the bills before the legislature provides that each bank in the state shall deposit semi-annually with the state treasurer an amount equal to one-fourth of one per cent of its deposits (the total amount not to exceed five per cent of the bank's deposits, however), this to be used as a fund with which to pay the creditors of the bank in case it should fail. If the bank goes out of business and pays its depositors in full, the unused portion of the contribution to the state fund is returned to the depositor. The proposed law insures security to depositors.

D. F. Osason, an attorney of Lincoln and a former resident of Tecumseh, was arraigned in county court at the latter place Saturday on a charge of accessory to arson. He was placed under a \$2,000 bond to appear for examination by the district court February 26. The bond was given. Tecumseh people are unwilling to believe Osgood guilty of the charge brought against him. He commanded general respect and confidence and has served Johnson county in an official capacity. The charge is based on the testimony contained in the confession of one Mike Yorty.

This forthcoming publication of the "Autobiographies and Letters" of Gibbon the historian, in their original form, after being sealed up for one hundred years, is an event of rare literary interest. Mr. Frederic Harrison, the distinguished English critic, reviews these volumes in an article entitled "The New Memoirs of Edward Gibbon." Dr. J. M. Rice contributes a third article in his series on the Problem of Elementary Education, entitled "Economy of Time in Teaching," directing attention to the limits of incidental instruction, the influence of fatigue, and the question of mental maturity. Among other interesting articles in the February Forum are: "Speedy Financial and Currency Reform Imperative," by the Hon. Charles N. Fowler; "The Cure for a Vicious Monetary System," by Senator W. A. Peffer; "Joe's Opinion of The Raven," by Mr. Joel Benton; "The Criminal in the Open," by Mr. Josiah Plynt.

JAMES SCOTT of Omaha has expressed an opinion in open court that the deficiency judgment law on the statute books of Nebraska is unconstitutional. His remarks, he said, applied only to cases in which a mortgage had been given to secure a loan made upon realty and did not apply to cases in which a mortgage had been given to cover a pre-existing debt. The court stated a hypothetical case in which a loan was made upon a piece of property, the amount of the loan being based entirely upon the judgment of the money lender as to the value of the property. When the mortgage was foreclosed and the property sold for only one-half of the loan, application was made for a deficiency judgment for the remaining half of the loan. In such a case, the court said, the law providing for a deficiency judgment put into the contract an element that did not belong there and such a law was plainly unconstitutional for that reason. The judge said he wanted to hear arguments on that point in the first case coming before him. So says the Omaha Bee.

In response to many inquiries, State Treasurer McCreary states that the warrants for the December appropriation of the temporary school fund to the full amount of about \$200,000 have all been cashed. A great deal of comment has been excited over the manner in which these warrants have been handled. The appointment was made in the latter part of December at the regular time, and the warrants drawn, but not signed. Auditor Cornell was placed in possession of his office late in the afternoon of January 7, and commenced his administration by signing the school warrants before he went to supper. School trustees in all parts of the state were making urgent calls for their warrants and Auditor Cornell felt called upon to make an explanation in the public press to show that he was in no way responsible for the delay. The explanation was published to relieve the pressure and the demands for the warrants became more urgent. State Treasurer McCreary at once signed and sent out warrants to the amount of about \$60,000. During the last week the full amount (\$200,000) had been cashed. Although he has been in office less than a full month, Treasurer McCreary has cancelled nearly \$200,000 of the state's indebtedness. Saturday he called in another block of general fund warrants, amounting to \$50,000.—[Lincoln Call.]

NAVAL SQUADRON SAFE.

Admiral Bunce's Fleet Has a Stormy Voyage.

THREE CREWMEN WERE DROWNED.

Six Men from the Maine Were Washed Overboard During the Gale—By Prompt and Heroic Action Three Were Rescued by a Lighter Craft Under Naval Cadet Command—Indians at Hampton Roads.

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Indignant Over Proposed Removal of Pension Office.

Des Moines, Feb. 9.—The announcement from Washington that the president has signed an order to consolidate the Des Moines and Topeka pension agencies and removing them to St. Louis has stirred up matters in Iowa. The consolidated office will pay pensions for Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian territory, Colorado and New Mexico.

Iowa is the only Republican state in the list and a strong effort will be made to have the order revoked by the incoming administration and the consolidated office located here. It is claimed that the great majority of the pensioners can be reached from Des Moines sooner than from St. Louis, and that Secretary Francis made the change in order to give his own state a good office at the expense of Iowa and Kansas.

The two offices have almost 100 employees and are among the largest in the country. The Iowa office now pays 70,000 and the Kansas office 100,000 pensions. All the employees except agents are under civil service rules and many, because unable to move to St. Louis, would lose their places by the change.

Death From Starvation. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 9.—Patrick Brennan, aged 60 years, was found dead from starvation and exposure in his little home near Yardley. Sitting beside his body was his aged wife, Margaret, who was dying from the same cause. She had been ill for about a year, but her old husband had managed to care for her. The theory is that he fell ill and she was unable to seek help. Brennan had evidently been dead a week. The couple had always been disinclined to accept charity.

Hanged For Burglary. CHARLESTON, N. C., Feb. 9.—Monroe Johnson, a notorious negro burglar, was hanged in the jail here under a conviction of burglary in the first degree. The supreme court having sustained the death sentence. Johnson broke into the house of S. O. A. Shields, entering a room occupied by Miss Shields and when discovered he shot first at Miss Shields and then at her father. Miss Shields was badly wounded, but will recover.

Passing of a Pioneer. TROUSERS, Neb. Feb. 9.—In the death of Rev. Isaac Irwin, which occurred at his home near here of a gripe, Johnson county loses a pioneer settler. Mr. Irwin came to the county in 1850 and homesteaded a farm. He was a Baptist preacher. Mr. Irwin's death was at the age of about 80 years and leaves an aged wife and a large family of children.

Spent Visiting McKinley. CANTON, Feb. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spear of San Francisco, who have been in Cleveland some time, are in Canton for a short visit at the McKinley home. Mr. Spear came to pay his respects to the president-elect, as well as to discuss matters concerning the slope in the incoming administration.

Drove Dead in the Falgout. STAMFORD, O., Feb. 9.—Mrs. William I. Fee, aged wife of Rev. Mr. Fee, a well-known former Methodist minister here, fell dead in the pulpit while exhorting at a big revival at Felicity last evening. Women screamed and men wept. The couple celebrated their golden wedding three months ago.

Iowa Wants Help Here. Des Moines, Feb. 9.—Governor Drake is receipt of many communications from people in Iowa who offer to present two carloads of provisions for the India famine sufferers if the state will name a commission to take care of them and induce the railroads to give free transportation.

Washed Cuts Ends on West. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—The Washbas has announced a rate of 60 cents per 100 lbs of wool in carloads from East St. Louis to Boston, minimum weight, 30,000 pounds. The rate heretofore has been 67½ cents, minimum weight 10,000 pounds.